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### **COUNCILMEMBER DJOU: CITY SHOULD ASSIST WITH MILITARY DEPLOYMENT**

Today, Councilmember Charles K. Djou (Waikiki, East Honolulu) introduced a bill giving the Mayor the authority to pay City employees called to active military duty for the Reserve or National Guard the difference between their military and City salary.

“Like many private companies that help their employees’ families deal with the difficulty of a bread-winner being called to duty, the City should similarly try to help its employees’ families by paying the difference between City and military pay for mobilized employees,” stated Djou. “With the alert of so many Hawaii Army Reserve and Guard citizen soldiers and the importance of the military in our local economy, this bill gives the City the opportunity to play a positive role in maintaining the strong bond between the local military and our community.”

Some of Hawaii’s most prominent corporate citizens, including Verizon-Hawaii, Home Depot and Sears already pay the difference between civilian and military pay as do several other municipal governments around the nation, including San Francisco, Fresno, and San Jose. Councilmember Djou, an officer in the Army Reserve, is the only elected official in the City and County of Honolulu to have served in the military and the only active Army Reservist in elected government in the State of Hawaii.

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